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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)  
Deputy Director (Plans)  
Assistant Director for Basic Intelligence  
Assistant Director for Current Intelligence  
Assistant Director for Central Reference  
Assistant Director for Research and Reports  
Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT: Foreign Documents Division Reports

1. As the result of successive reductions in manpower and budget, the Foreign Documents Division, OD has undertaken an exhaustive review of its present method of operation and reporting program, with a view toward determining whether some other method or program, less demanding on FDD manpower and funds, might effectively meet the needs of the intelligence community for information from foreign language publications.

2. As the result of such review, FDD proposes for discussion a gradual revamping of its reporting system so as to conform with the following broad lines:

a. Significant current information. Press and publications will be rapidly scanned upon receipt and items dealing primarily with Sino-Soviet Bloc activities will be reported in a new FDD publication entitled Foreign Press Bulletin to be issued daily. This is in response to numerous requests for more rapid handling and reporting against current requirements.

b. Continuous detailed reporting. In those cases where this type of reporting is required by the nature of the information or the over-riding need of the consumer, e.g., biographic information, press summaries, review or translation of a particular journal, this work will for the most part be contracted out to [ ] and the products will appear as [ ] publications. This part will be a continuation of the present method.

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c. Collated reports. All other types of information will be indexed within FDD by reference to the foreign language material. Such information will then be assembled as rapidly as needed upon specific request of USIB members, or on the initiative of FDD, in consultation with appropriate offices, when the character or volume of information on a subject of intelligence interest promises a worthwhile report. These reports will be issued as FDD publications with individual titles and disseminated to users having a substantive interest and to the CIA Library. As such they can be readily indexed and will answer a very important recurring need, the need for retrievability, which is not possible with the current reporting system.

25X1A 3. The Foreign Press Bulletin was initiated on 9 June 1960. TAB A lists those reports of a continuing nature which are currently planned for [ ] handling. TAB B lists those FDD reports which would be phased out. An orderly and coordinated phasing is intended in order that there may be no disruption of service on outstanding requirements. TAB C lists those FDD reports which would be continued. TAB D is a preliminary listing of collated reports planned and in process within FDD at this time. If this plan is implemented, it is expected that a sufficient number of these new reports will have appeared by September to permit the members of the CIA Panel on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications to assemble comments for that month's meeting. Meanwhile, ad hoc specific requests from any office for assembly of information from foreign language publications on a given topic would be entertained at any time by FDD.

25X1A 4. If there are any questions which you or your staff have on this proposal, [ ] Chief, FDD, and I will be very glad to discuss them with you.

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Assistant Director for Operations

Enclosures:

Tabs A, B, C, and D

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**TAB A**

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CONTINUING REPORTING PLANNED FOR ☐

**USSR**

1. Biographic card project
2. Selected political reviews and translations
3. Selected economic translations series
4. Selected scientific translations

**EASTERN EUROPE**

1. Military biographic information
2. Provincial press summaries for Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Rumania
3. Selected economic translations
4. Report on Albania
5. Selected sociological translations
6. Selected scientific translations

**COMMUNIST FAR EAST (China, North Korea, North Vietnam)**

1. Communist China Digest
2. Selected political translations  
(includes the journal Hung-ch'i)
3. Selected economic translations
4. North Korea Economic Report

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OTHER AREAS

1. Selected political and economic translations on Southeast Asia countries
2. Information Report on Afghanistan
3. Selected translations on Arab States
4. Selected translations on Africa
5. Indices of Le Monde and La Stampa

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**TAB B**

**FOREIGN DOCUMENTS DIVISION REPORTS  
PLANNED FOR PHASEOUT**

**USSR**

1. Report on USSR Ministries
2. Annual Report on USSR Republic Budgets
- \*3. Information on Soviet Education
- \*4. Crime and Legal Developments in the USSR
- \*5. USSR Industrial Equipment
- \*6. Report on Labor in the USSR
- \*7. Transportation, Communications and Electric Power in the USSR
- \*8. USSR Materials and Materials Processing Equipment
9. Urban Development in the USSR
10. Consumer Goods and Domestic Trade in the USSR

**EASTERN EUROPE**

- \*1. Weekly Economic Report on Eastern Europe

**COMMUNIST FAR EAST**

- \*1. Weekly Report on Communist China
2. Data on Industrial Plants in Communist China
- \*3. Monthly Information Report on North Vietnam
- \*4. Information on North Korea

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OTHER AREAS

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- \*1. Information Report on Arab States   
(Final No. 97, dated 15 Jun 60)
- \*2. Information on North Africa  
(Final No. 47, dated 27 May 60)
- \*3. Information on Africa South of the Sahara  
(Final No. 47, dated June 1960)
- \*4. Monthly Indonesian Press Survey
- 5. Background Information Report on Indonesia

GENERAL COVERAGE

- \*1. International Communist Developments
- 2. East-West and Intra-Orbit Travel and Contacts
- 3. Activities in the Arctic and Antarctic
- 4. Sino Soviet Bloc Scientific Information - Classified Edition

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\*Reporting to be picked up in whole or in part by

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**TAB C**

**FOREIGN DOCUMENTS DIVISION REPORTS  
TO BE CONTINUED AS OF  
16 June 1960**

**USSR**

- |  |         |
|--|---------|
| 1. USSR Agriculture and Farm Machinery     | Monthly |
| 2. USSR Electronic and Precision Equipment | Monthly |
| 3. Survey of the Soviet Press              | Weekly  |
| *4. Soviet Military Information Report     | Monthly |

**EASTERN EUROPE**

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|---|---------|
| 1. Eastern Europe Press Survey                    | Weekly  |
| *2. Military Information Report on Eastern Europe | Monthly |

**COMMUNIST FAR EAST**

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| *1. Military Information Report on Communist China | Monthly |
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**CHINA**

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 1. Review of Communist Theoretical Journals                       | Monthly      |
| 2. Communist Revisionism and Dissidence                           | Monthly      |
| 3. Scientific Information Report<br>(Distributed by OES/Commerce) | Semi-monthly |
| 4. Foreign Press Bulletin   | Daily        |
| 5. Consolidated Translation Survey                                | Monthly      |
| 6. External Economic Relations of Bloc Countries                  | Monthly      |

\* It is currently planned to combine the three military reports into one Bloc Military Report to be issued weekly.

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TAB B

**FOREIGN DOCUMENTS DIVISION RESEARCH REPORTS  
PLANNED AND IN PROGRESS**

Planned  
Publication Date

**USSR**

- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| 1. The Sovarkhoz and Soviet Industry      | Jul 60 |
| 2. State Structure of the USSR            | Jul 60 |
| 3. Annual Report on USSR Republic Budgets | Apr 61 |

**EASTERN EUROPE**

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|---|--------|
| 1. Bulgarian Chemical Industry  | Jul 60 |
| 2. Bulgarian Financial System   | Jul 60 |
| 3. Bulgarian Construction Activities  | Sep 60 |
| 4. The Light and Food Industries of Bulgaria  | Sep 60 |
| 5. Selected Nonferrous Metals in Eastern Europe   | Sep 60 |
| 6. Romanian Light Industry Report   | Oct 60 |
| 7. Rumania Long-Range Inland Waterway Plans   | Nov 60 |
| 8. Pipeline Transport in Rumania  | Nov 60 |
| 9. Minerals and Metals in Bulgaria  | Nov 60 |
| 10. European Satellites Coking Coal Requirements<br>from USSR in Seven-Year Plan Period     | Nov 60 |
| 11. Impact of Purchases from the Free World on<br>the Chemical Industries of Eastern Europe | Dec 60 |

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Planned  
Publication Date

COMMUNIST FAR EAST

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|---|--------|
| 1. The Food Problem in ChiCom 1959-1960   | Jun 60 |
| 2. Resistance to Communalization in China<br>October 1958 - December 1959         | Jul 60 |
| 3. Post-Subjugation Programs in Tibet<br>March - December 1959                    | Aug 60 |
| 4. Activities of North Korean Political Leaders                                   | Aug 60 |
| 5. National Assembly Elections in North Vietnam<br>(6 May Elections)              | Aug 60 |
| 6. State Training Organs in North Vietnam   | Sep 60 |
| 7. SORBI: Lines, Policies, Agitation  | Sep 60 |
| 8. Sino-Soviet Bloc in Indonesia<br>(April - June 1960)                           | Sep 60 |
| 9. A Case Study of Communes in Communist China                                    | Sep 60 |
| 10. A Study of Distribution and Activities of<br>Communist Chinese Military Units | Oct 60 |
| 11. Capital Investment in Housing in ChiCom                                       | Oct 60 |

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